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Amended

interior space when opened, the base portion initially constructed to have a flat condition and having the flat condition prior to being opened for receiving the pot into the interior space and having a tapered shape when in the flat condition;

a skirt portion extending from the upper end of the base portion;

and

a plurality of substantially unconnected, vertically oriented, expandable folds in the base portion, and wherein when the pot is disposed within the interior space of the base portion, the expandable folds in the base portion expand to cause the base portion to cover and surround the outer peripheral surface of the pot.

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13. (Three Times Amended) The preformed sleeve of claim 12 wherein the upper portion is further defined as being sized to substantially surround and enclose a floral grouping disposed within the pot.

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31. (Twice Amended) A preformed sleeve for covering a pot having an upper end, a lower end, and an outer peripheral surface, comprising:  
a base portion having an upper end, a closed lower end, and an

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Concluded

interior space when opened, the base portion initially constructed to have a flat condition and having the having a flat condition prior to being opened for receiving the pot into the interior space and having a tapered shape when in the flat condition; and  
a plurality of substantially ~~unconnected~~, vertically oriented, expandable folds in the base portion.

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